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Beaumont, Tex., April 23.—The well of the Spindletop Oil company was finished Monday about 2 o'clock. Though it was the most perfectly finished well in any of the fields, it can not be properly called a spouter for the reason that it did not spout. Drillers have become so experienced with the work in this soil now, and the oil is so definitely located at a certain depth, that when the drill touched the oil strata in this well in Monday the rotary pipe was removed, and save for a few barrels o. oil lost, there was no spouting and wasting of oil. The pipes were removed carefully, and though the oil flowed in goodly quantities, the valve was closed promptly and the flow shut off before it began. The well is a splendid piece of work, and was drilled by J. D. Diffey. It is located on lots 30, 31 and 32 of Spindletop Heights, subdivision of the John A. Veath league, 250 feet distant in a northeasterly direction from the Lucas gusher and between the Lucas and Heywood wells. The depth is given at 950 feet. The six-inch pipe extends clear through to the oil-bearing sand, and the wel is loosed would throw a magnificent stream six inches in diameter. Being located so closely to the Lucas and other wells, it was not of any importance that oil should be found here. A dry hole would have been far more significant. The land upon which the well is located belongs to the Ward-Keith Oil and Fuel company and is leased by the Spindletop Oil company.

Banks here were closed Monday on account of the anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto, and this has thrown a damper on all sorts of business. It is certainly a fact that business here can not go on without a bank. It takes money to transact business in Beaumont nowadays, and the banks must furnish it. Many people did not think that the banks would close here Monday, and when they found the front doors closed Monday morning there was genuine distress on all hands. Men climbed over fences and got into the back doors, begging to be allowed to deposit or draw money, but all were turned away and they soon gave it up, with the result that but little business has been done and things were not as lively as they would have been

Big Coal Strike.

Columbus, O., April 23.—Twenty-five thousand mine workers of the lower part of sub-district No. 5 of Ohio and West Virginia went on strike. The strike was caused by a disagreement in regard to the dead work scale.

Wheeling W. Va., April 23.—Every mine in the Fifth Ohio sub-district, which includes Belmont, Harrison and Jefferson counties, Ohio, and the four West Virginia Panhandle counties, are idle, the strike order having become effective. Several individual operators are preparing to meet the miners' terms, last year's scale, and the Eastern Ohio Coal Operator's association may have to follow their example.

Twelfth Anniversary.

Guthrie, Ok., April 23.—Monday being the twelfth anniversary of opening Oklahoma, it was celebrated by an old settlers' reunion at Seward, eight miles south. Several hundred old settlers were present and listened to addresses by a number of prominent men. An old settlers' association was organized and resolutions adopted condemning opening of the Kiowa and Comanche lands by lottery, and demanding lands be opened by proclamation under homestead law.

Is Beginning.

London, April 23.—According to a dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail, official information has been received that renewed military activity is beginning in Manchuria. Chinese troops are strongly entrenched at three points around Mukaden. They are armed with good Mauser rifles and have thirty Krupp guns.

To the eastward of Mukden near Turchausen there are 12,000 men under the chief boxer general, Lutanse.

Alarm Over.

Cincinnati, O., April 23.—Alarm over the flood has ceased in lower Ohio valley. The low water in Ohio below here has allowed the floods from up the river to flow rapidly toward the Mississippi. The situation is still serious up the river, notably at Ripley, Maysville, Aberdeen, Portsmouth, Hanging Rock, Ironton, Ashland, Catlettsburg, Huntington, Point Pleasant, Pomeroy, Marietta, Parksburg and smaller places between Wheeling and Cincinnati.

Livestock Sanitary Boards.

Wichita, Kan., April 23.—The livestock sanitary boards of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona met here and effected organization of the Southwest Livestock Quarantine association, with Dr. D. F. Luckey of Columbus, Mo., as president and William E. Bolton of Woodward, Ok., as secretary. It was resolved by the association that inspection be co-operative between boards constituting the association.

TRAIN HELD UP

And it is Believed that a Large Amount Was Secured.

Little Rock, Ark., April 23.—Express train No. 3 of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf railroad, which left Memphis Monday night at 11:40, was held up at 12:30 this morning at a point about half a mile west of the Iron Mountain crossing, four miles west of Memphis, by bandits. No particulars are obtainable at this hour.

The train was in charge of Conductor Nelson, one of the oldest employes of the road, and Engineer Johnson. The express messenger, Meadors, is said to have been shot, but it could not be learned if there were any valuables in his charge. The negro porter, Gould, was shot and badly injured. The train was delayed about twenty minutes.

Tte engine and mail and express cars were cut off from the train and run to a point half a mile west of the place where the train was stopped. The engine was then detached and run a short distance away, two men remaining on guard over the train men. The others used dynamite on the express car and blew it up badly, Express Messenger Meadors being seriously hurt by the explosion. It is reported that everything of value in the express car was taken, which will be considerable, as this was a heavy money run. The report is that there were eight men in the party.

Declared Invalid.

Washington, April 23.—The supreme court of the United States affirmed the judgment in the case of W. P. Smith vs. the St. Louis Southwestern Railway company of Texas, from the court of civil appeals at Fort Worth, which involves the constitutionality of the Texas cattle quarantine law. Under the law of Texas, if the livestock sanitary commission has reason to believe that the cattle either in or out of the state are affected with contagious diseases, they may state such facts to the governor, who is thereupon authorized to issue his proclamation quarantining against such infected cattle. In June, 1897, Gov. Culberson, under this law, issued his proclamation prohibiting the driving into the state of Texas between June 5 and Nov. 15, 1897, of cattle, mules or horses from the state of Louisiana, for fear that the diseasee of charbon, or anthrax, would be communicated to cattle in Texas. In this case the railway company refused to deliver the stock because of this quarantine, and the consignor in Louisiana, refusing to accept the stock when returned by the company to him, brought suit against the company to recover the value of the stock. The company's defense was that it was justified in refusing to deliver the stock at Fort Worth by the quarantine of the governor, and the consignor, W. P. Smith, attacked this defense on the ground that the law of Texas authorizing the quarantine by the governor and the sanitary commission was in violation of the interstate commerce clause of the federal constitution. The constitutionality of the act was clearly raised, and by Mr. Justice McKenna it was distinctly held to be constitutional, Justices Harlan and White dissenting, holding that the act was in violation of the interstate commerce clause of the federal constitution.

Mr. Justice Brown also dissented.

Leave in May.

Pekin, April 23.—Gen. Voyron, commander of the French troops in China, has informed Gen. Chaffee that 10,444 French soldiers wil leave China in May.

Li Hung Chang believes that the Chinese troops under Gen. Lu will be withdrawn over the boundary marking the territory defined by Field Marshal von Waldersee as the sphere of operations for the allies, as the governor of Shan Si province received instructions nearly a week ago ordering their withdrawal.

Due to Dam.

Middlefield, Mass., April 23.—For three miles down the Middlefield valley there is nothing but ruin and destruction as a result of the flood of Saturday. Where was formerly the reservoir a mile and a half long and covering nearly 200 acres, there is now but a diminutive pond from which flows the receding river through the gorge in the dam that broke away.

Down stream at the Boston and Albany railroad bridge is left but a few granite blocks.

Fleecy Falling.

London, Ky., April 23.—The snow which commenced last Friday has never ceased. The waters are higher than they have been since 1883. Great damage is being done by the drowning of livestock. The farmers are also heavy losers by having all the soil washed off their freshly plowed fields. Many bridges have been washed away.

Work on the Texas Southern between Marshall and Gilmer progresses.

Severe Penalties.

Cape Town, April 23.—Lord Kitchener has issued a proclamation to the effect that any resident in the martial law districts of the colony found in arms, inciting to fight, aiding the enemy or endangering by overt act the British forces will be tried by court-martial and be liable to the most severe penalties. Such persons may even be shot.

Supreme court will not allow Capt. Carter bail.

TERRELL TALKED

Of Texas and Texans in the Days of the Dim and Distant Past.

Austin, Tex., April 23.—There was a large crowd present in the Representative hall Monday morning to hear the orations for the Texas Veterans and the Daughters of the Republic.

Col. Bryan rapped for order and called upon Gov. Lubbock to offer the invocation.

The orchestra rendered a selection, which was loudly applauded.

There were seated on the stand, besides President Bryan, Gov. Sayers, Judges John H. Reagan and T. J. Brown, Judge A. W. Terrell and Hon. Carlos Bee of San Antonio.

Judge Terrell was introduced and delivered the address to the Veterans. He said that eight years ago he made the address, and that it was embarrassing to make almost the same address to the same audience, and therefore he spoke almost entirely on personal recollections and incidents of the past. He told of many thrilling incidents of early Texas that have not been written. He also referred to the Louisiana purchase and LaSalle's settlement.

Judge Terrell touched on the brilliant life of Stephen F. Austin, and related how that patriot brought the white colony to Texas and his success with the Mexican government.

Judge Terrell next spoke at length on the life and achievements of Gen. Sam Houston. He concluded by paying a tribute to the valor of the veterans of the Republic.

The pupils of the blind institute sang en chorus. As a finale "Dixie" was sung, and the hall resounded with cheers.

Hon. Carlos Bee of San Antonio, son of Gen. Hamilton P. Bee, a patriot of Texas, was introduced and made the address for the Daughters of the Republic.

J. B. Dibrell, Jr., recited a poem, "To the Daughters of the Republic," written by Mrs. Mary Saunders of Boerne, Kendall county.

The Texas Veterans' association held a short business session in the morning before the programme exercises, and accepted the invitation of Lampasas to hold the next annual reunion at that place.

Mrs. Cone Johnson, who delivered the welcome address for the Daughters of the Republic, is a granddaughter of Gen. Sterling C. Robertson.

The three days' gathering of the Texas Veterans and Daughters of the Republic was brought to a close Monday night with a big reception in the senate chamber. The Daughters of the Republic held a business meeting in the afternoon and elected Mrs. Cornelius B. Stone of Galveston third vice president. After adopting the usual resolution of thanks, Lampasas was selected as the next meeting place.

Not Yet Received.

Washington, April 23.—The petition of Gen. Pearson, following the action in the name of the Orange Free State in New Orleans, to prevent the shipment of mules to the British in South Africa, has not yet reached the state department from the white house, but when it does its receipt will be acknowledged, and it will be given such consideration as is always accorded to petitions of real importance. If the petition shrould meet with favor the effect would be manifested through the diplomatic branch of the government, which would initiate proceedings itself through the courts.

General Walkout.

San Antonio, Tex., April 23.—The general walkout of building mechanics commenced here Monday, all union men being called off jobs in different stages of construction. Building operations are practically at a standstill and the situation looks gloomy, as both sides are firm and show no signs of weakening.

The Builders' exchange held a meeting Monday night, but nothing of their proceedings has been made public.

A pension of $8 a month was granted to Mrs. John C. Breckinridge, aged 76, widow of the former vice president of the United States. Mr. Breckinridge was major of the Third Kentucky volunteers in the Mexican war. The pension carries arrears amounting to $1350.

Large numbers of Americans, among them many capitalists, are en route to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, where they have interests in tropical lands for coffee, sugar, and rubber culture. Among the recent arrivals is Frank Garland, brother of Hamlin Garland, the author.

At the Twentieth century jubilee of the Scottish rite degree of Masons celebrated at Wichita, Kas., 176 applicants were initiated. Among the new members are Congressman Chester I. Long and ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson.

Influenced by the protests of the Evangelical Church council and the Catholic bishops, Emperor William has withdrawn from the general hall of the blind asylum at Wuslerhausen the Mosaic portraits representing Empress as St. Elizabeth and himself as the saint's husband.

United States district court is in session at Waco.

Three persons were drowned in the Ohio river at Marietta, O.

The trouble is that the builders insist on employing both union and non-union men, while the Trades Assembly insists on the card system.

Prospects for fruit were never more flattering in that portion of Hunt county in the vicinity of Quinlan.

BUSINESS BASIS AT BEAUMONT

Gratifying to the Large Number of Persons Who are There.

Beaumont, Tex., April 18.—An unusually large number of people arrived here Wednesday morning from the west and the city has been more than ordinarily lively. Aside from this, however, there has been but little change in the situation since Monday. Gradually the wild nature of the situation is giving way to more serious business-like methods and men are beginning to take hold of the matter as if it was a regular thing. There seemed to be a general impression among every one here during the first few days that the whole thing would play out in a short while and it was vitally important that something be done at the very instant when it seemed possible. Now people have a tendency to stir things up more than anything else. Those who have been here through it all take a calmer view of the situation than do those who come here for the first time. These newcomers usually look around in a bewildered sort of way for a few hours, then the mania begins to catch them, and by the time they have been here twenty-four hours they are in the vortex of the whirlpool, being carried they know not where.

Dealing in stocks Wednesday had been more extensive than Tuesday and the amount of business done would be startling to those not acquainted with conditions, could it be obtained. Many of the first oil companies which started stock at 50 cents on the dollar have sold what they set aside to sell at the reduced rate and many have been compelled to send back much of the money subscribed. One company is offering nearly double what it sold its own stock for in order to get it back, believing that it is a good investment at twice its par value. New companies are rapidly getting their affairs in shape to transact business. New stock certificates are being received daily and as fast as they get here numbers of clerks are kept steadily at work writing them and mailing out to subscribers.

Transactions in real estate seem not to have fallen off in the least since Tuesday, and the number of instruments of all characters filed in the county clerk's office Wednesday was fully equal to that of any other day this week or any previous week. There seems to be more buying going on now than there was several weeks ago and during the first oil excitement following the coming in of the Lucas well. At that time everything seemed to be leases, and, as was stated at the time, very little land was sold outright. Now, however, leases are not much in evidence, but warranty deeds are all the go. There are a number of leases being made, nevertheless, and seldom a day passes but that from a dozen to twenty-five instruments, leases, oil and mineral privileges are not filed. This change from the leasing method to purchases of lands is due to the more substantial nature of the field and the better opinion which is held now. In the beginning men were not anxious to buy the land unless they were pretty certain that there was oil and besides a lease would do just as well for their purposes. As fast as the field is proven the land lying beyound the limits takes on new value and sells rapidly.

Col. C. E. Lufkin, representative of the Standard Oil company, who has been here since the visit of the other officers last week, left for the east. Col Lufkin had little to say of what is going on here.

Pythian Officers.

Galveston, Tex., April 18.—The grand lodge Knight of Pythias adjourned Wednesday after a two days session, to meet at Waco the fourth Tuesday in April of next year, the date having been changed from the third to the fourth Tuesday in each year. Recording Grand Secretary Ben Rodgers of Bonham was presented with a gold-headed cane. Mrs. Charles Fellows of Houston, a Rathbone sister, was presented with a handsome silver set for her work on the relief committee after the Galveston storm: Grand lowing officers were elected: Grand chancellor, W. H. Swink of Temple; grand vice chancellor, John T. Bonner of Tyler; grand keeper of records and seal, Henry Miller of Weatherford; grand master of exchequer, W. F. Skillman of Sulphur Springs; grand master at arms, F. J. Bell of Dallas; grand inner guard, Dr. W. B. DeJarnett of Commerce; grand outer guard, O. P. Thomas of Garland.

Knights Templars.

Galveston, Tex., April 18.—The grand commandery of Texas, Knights Templars, met here Wednesday in the forty-eight annual conclave. After the march escorting grand officers to the religious services in the First Presbyterian church the commandery met in business session i n the Masonic temple and performed little but routine business. This included reports of officers and committees. At night a reception was tendered the visitors by Masonic ladies.

Funeral Directors.

Houston, Tex., April 18.—The fifteenth annual conventionof the Funeral Directors and Embalmers' association of Texas was called to order Wednesday. President J. T. Cotton of Weatherford was in the chair and Secretary J. W. Wright of Temple at his desk.

After a welcoming address and response, President Cotton delivered his address. Reports of secretary and treasurer were read, making a good showing.

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